

Just moments before this tragedy began to unfold, Chris, like so many of us, had been enjoying the NBA playoffs with his family. He was a New York Knicks fan but pulled for the Miami Heat in this series as a way to tease his younger brother, Matt. They were kidding about it, as brothers do, when a loud noise was heard in the front yard. Whether it was the sheer instinct of a protective older brother, the hand of God, or both, Chris pushed Matt away from himself and toward the middle of his room just as the car crashed through the ceiling. In that instant, it was over. If any good can be found in this tragedy, it is that one life was lost instead of two. Once again, Chris hadn't thought of himself.

Mr. President, these words do nothing to ease the pain the friends and family of William Christopher Villar are feeling today. Their void is a void that no words can fill. I share them with you because this remarkable young man deserves to be remembered, not for the tragic accident that took his life but for the positive impact he had on the lives of others.●

#### 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ASHTON, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the community of Ashton, SD, on reaching the 125th anniversary of its founding. Ashton is a rural community located in Spink County.

The city of Ashton was founded in the summer of 1881. There are competing stories of how the town was named: one that it was named for the railroad official R.H. Ashton; one that a group of settlers from Boston named it for a town in England; and one that it was named for the groves of Ash trees in the James Valley. The first store was operated out of a tent by Mr. McPherson. The town grew quickly, with two real estate offices, a blacksmith, and two lumberyards soon constructed. The train arrived in Ashton in September of 1881, shortly followed by the telegraph. The post office was established on December 8, 1881. Other early buildings on in Ashton were the Bowman House, CC Morris General Store, Basset and Kelly's Hardware, Anderson's Bakery, and Reed, and Kelsey's Drug Store.

Ashton was named county seat of Spink County by the Territorial Legislature in 1885, though the seat moved to Redfield about 2 years later. The people of Ashton endured a series of disasters in the ensuing years. There were large fires in 1887, 1890, 1908, and 1910. Also, a tornado damaged much of the town in 1897.

Today, Ashton is still a thriving community. There are many active businesses operating in Ashton, such as a seed and spraying store; plumbing, heating and sheet metal services; a post office; and neighborhood bar.

The people of Ashton celebrated this momentous occasion on the weekend of

June 16–18. 125 years after its founding, Ashton remains a vital community and a great asset to the wonderful State of South Dakota. I am proud to honor Ashton on this historic milestone.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4416. An act to reauthorize permanently the use of penalty and franked mail in efforts relating to the location and recovery of missing children.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 103. Concurrent resolution to correct the enrollment of the bill H.R. 889.

At 2:23 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 889) to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2006, to make technical corrections to various laws administered by the Coast Guard, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4416. An act to reauthorize permanently the use of penalty and franked mail in efforts relating to the location and recovery of missing children; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-7328. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition on Use of Community Development Block Grant Assistance for Job-Pirating Activities" ((RIN2506-AC04)(FR-4556-F-03)) received on June 15, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7329. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Development Block Grant Programs; Revision of CDBG Eligibility and National Objective Regulations" ((RIN2506-AC12)(FR-4699-F-02)) received on June 15,

2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7330. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the profitability of the credit card operations of depository institutions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7331. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, two semiannual reports which were prepared separately by both the Treasury Department's Office of Inspector General and Inspector General for Tax Administration for the period ended March 31, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7332. A communication from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual reports that appear on pages 119–143 of the March 2006 "Treasury Bulletin"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7333. A communication from the Chairman and President (Acting) of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to the Turkey; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7334. A communication from the Chairman and President (Acting) of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to the Chile; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7335. A communication from the Acting Chair, Federal Subsistence Board, Fish and Wildlife Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska, Subparts C and D—2006–2007 Subsistence Taking of Fish and Wildlife Regulations" (RIN1018-AT98) received on June 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7336. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Lakeview PM10 Maintenance Plan and Redesignation Request" (FRL No. 8179-5) received on June 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7337. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; La Grande PM10 Maintenance Plan and Redesignation Request" (FRL No. 8179-4) received on June 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7338. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Medford-Ashland PM10 Attainment Plan, Maintenance Plan and Redesignation Request" (FRL No. 8175-7) received on June 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7339. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Outer Continental Shelf Air Regulations